

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

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A RESOLUTION relative to federal funding for the user program at the Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility.

WHEREAS, the user program at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility fulfills an important role in the scientific community, utilizing the facility's unique capabilities to bridge the gap to the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams and to train numerous current and future nuclear scientists; and

WHEREAS, current federal budgetary constraints will eliminate the federal funding provided to the user program, funding which is imperative to the operation of this singular program; and

WHEREAS, the loss of federal funding for the user program at the Holifield Radioactive Beam Facility would destroy a useful, scientifically-relevant nuclear program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that it is the sense of this body that the President and U.S. Congress government should refrain from eliminating the funding which enables the existence of the user program at the Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and we urge the President and U.S. Congress to include funding for such program in the final budget for FY 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Senate journal and that certified copies be transmitted to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.